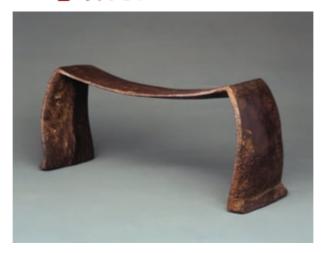
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LITERATURE

THE ISLANDS OF FIJI AND TONGA HAVE BEEN TRADING FOR CENTURIES AND CONSEQUENTLY SHARE MUCH OF THEIR MATERIAL CULTURE.

THE DESIGN OF THIS HEADREST ALTHOUGH TONGAN IN STYLE WAS ALSO USED TO MAKE HEADRESTS OF FIJIAN HARDWOOD IN FIJI, POSSIBLY BY THE LEMAKI CANOE BUILDERS ESTABLISHED THERE BY THE TONGANS. ANOTHER SUGGESTION IS THAT THESE HEADRESTS WERE MADE IN THE LAU ISLANDS, WHICH ARE POLITICALLY FIJIAN AND CULTURALLY TONGAN, AND THIS WOULD EXPLAIN WHY THESE 'KALI' ARE FOUND AND USED IN ALL THREE LOCATIONS.